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As an athlete who consumes three to five times the amount of water of the average American, it is very important to me that I know exactly what impurities are in the water I need.

At home I can drink my own water which has no fluoride, but when I travel to other water systems I have to use bottled water. For me and the millions of athletes who consume more water than the average citizen it is imperative that we know what is in the water we drink so that we can avoid impurities such as Fluoride or other known toxins such as lead. If the approved dose of fluoride is used to medicate water based upon average consumption, then for those athletes and folks who cannot tolerate fluoride will be subjected to more fluoride than their bodies can safely tolerate.

The major users of bottled water are folks who cannot tolerate fluoride, who chose not to be medicated and athletes who drink three to five times as much water as the average. These are exactly the folks who need to know what toxins are in their water in order to make health decisions.

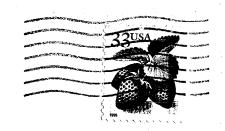
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